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- (d) Definite results have not yet been obtained, but present indications are that cholams from Bellary will not ordinarily set seed freely at Coimbatore.
- (e) If results at Coimbatore prove unsatisfactory, the question of starting a cholam breeding station in the Ceded districts will be considered.

Rao Bahadur C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU :—" With reference to (b) and (c) it is stated 'a beginning has however been made on cumbu.' When was the beginning made?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" I do not know the exact date; quite recently."

Rao Bahadur C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU :—" Do the Government consider that further assistance will be necessary to carry on the work connected with the three varieties of cholam, ragi and cumbu?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" The Government are giving their consideration to it."

Rao Bahadur C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU :—" Will the Government see their way to arrive at an early decision, having regard to the importance of cumbu for the cotton districts?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" Certainly."

Rao Bahadur C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU :—" It is stated here that 'Bellary cholam will not ordinarily set seed freely at Coimbatore.' Having regard to the conditions of Bellary and Ceded districts, is it not desirable that Government should move in the matter of establishing a station in the Ceded districts?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" That is what they have to consider with reference to the report received yesterday. There, the Director of Agriculture says pointedly that Bellary cholam will not thrive in Coimbatore. So, a beginning has to be made in the Ceded districts."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" It is stated 'if results at Coimbatore prove unsatisfactory, the question of starting a cholam breeding station in the Ceded districts will be considered.' Now, from what the hon. the Minister has stated it is conclusively evident that the results of Coimbatore are not likely to be satisfactory hereafter. May I take it that the question of having a station in the Ceded districts will be given a very early consideration?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" Yes."

Co-operative Societies.

Appointment of an Inspector of Co-operative Societies, Kurnool.

* 266 Q.—Mr. K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Kurnool, has appointed an outsider quite recently as Inspector of Co-operative Societies although there were local applicants eligible for the post whose names were already in the list?

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A.—The Government do not understand what is meant by the term 'outsider' nor have they information on the appointment of Inspectors in the department.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" May I point out to the hon. the Minister for Development that the word 'outsider' was used by him first in his famous speech at Guntur? Probably there he referred to the people who are not connected with the co-operative societies."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" The word has many meanings."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" In what meaning was the word used in his Guntur speech ? "

Qualifications for the post of Deputy Registrars, etc., in the Co-operative Department.

* 267 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether he has fixed any qualifications for the post of deputy registrar, of assistant registrar and of inspectors in the Co-operative Department;

(b) whether it is a fact that the new reorganization scheme is intended to encourage men now in service in the department;

(c) if so, how many assistant registrars are going to be newly appointed;

(d) how many chief inspectors there are in the department with more than ten years' service and whether there are not many among them qualified to discharge the duties of assistant registrars; and

(e) whether it is a fact that such men are being overlooked in favour of recruitment from outside the department?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to paragraph 5 of G.O. No. 378, Development, dated 12th March 1925, placed on the Editors' Table, and to article 1 of Public Service Notification published at page 34 of Part I-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 15th January 1924.

(b) The reorganization scheme is explained in paragraphs 1, 3, 4 and 5 of G.O. No. 378, Development, dated 12th March 1925, placed on the Editors' Table.

(c) Of the twenty-five posts of Assistant Registrars sanctioned in the reorganization scheme, nine have been filled by promotion from the grade of Chief Inspectors, eight appointments are held by men who were already working as Assistant Registrars and the remaining eight will be filled by direct recruitment.

(d) & (e) Twenty-eight. Those considered suitable have been promoted on probation.

Status of the newly appointed assistant registrars of Co-operative Societies.

* 268 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether under the new reorganization scheme persons to be newly appointed as assistant registrars are to be classified as non-gazetted officers;